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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago and New York continued higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment remained firm. Demand was moderate to very good entering the weekend. Supplies were closely balanced to tight and held with extreme confidence. Breaking stock offerings were short to fully sufficient for irregular breaking schedules. Demand for additional product ranged moderate to good. Spent hen offerings were light to about adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal to reduced for next week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 4 cents higher for large and up 3 cents for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were tight for all sizes and were held with extreme confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fairly good to good with some breakers losing hope in finding additional breaking stock and relying on regular commitment and run reduced schedules. Floor stocks very tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-108	102-105
LARGE	98-106	99-104
MEDIUM	84-92	87-89

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher. The market tone remained firm entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to short for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were irregular for next week. Offerings of spent hens were light to about adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal to normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-117	106-110
LARGE	99-114	104-108
MEDIUM	84-99	89-91

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies of all sizes were tight and held with extreme confidence.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105.5-114	107-110
LARGE	104.5-113	106-109
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on all weights. The market tone was firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were in balance to tight and confidently held. Breaking stock supplies ranged fully sufficient to short for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were reported as mixed. Light type fowl were light to about adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were noted as normal to reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.25-114	108-111
LARGE	96.25-112	106-109
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week higher on medium and larger sizes. The market tone was firm entering the weekend. Demand was mostly good. Supplies were balanced to tight for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	125-129
LARGE	123-127
MEDIUM	104-108

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for extra large and large advanced 4 cents, mediums increased 3 cents. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies tight to closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	114-120
LARGE	113-118
MEDIUM	96-103

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 7-8 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings short.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 10 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings short. Small benchmark price 101. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets-extra large dozen 117-119.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	143
EXTRA LARGE	142
LARGE	137
MEDIUM	121

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128-133
EXTRA LARGE	126-132
LARGE	124-127
MEDIUM	108-111

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	299-339
EXTRA LARGE	289-329
LARGE	229-289
MEDIUM	129-269

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Demand was fairly good to good with some breakers losing hope in finding additional breaking stock and relying on regular commitments to run reduced schedules. Floor stocks very tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment firm.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	85-88	86
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	73-78	73
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher when compared to early week's trading. The undertone was firm with traders closely watching further market developments. Offerings were limited. Demand was moderate to good as breaker's inventories ranged from fully sufficient to short for irregular schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 8, 2003 was 5% higher on both the previous week and the same week a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	84-88	85-86
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	70-78	71-75
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 08-Nov-03
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,184,793	30,515	10,000	5,465	1,590	4,226
PW	1,179,440	30,308	9,917	5,386	1,974	4,068
LY	1,158,435	28,045	10,206	5,641	1,934	4,105
% CHG PWK	0	1	1	1	-19	4
% CHG LY	2	9	-2	-3	-18	3
2003	52,606,317	1,287,334	477,281	259,741	105,521	188,428
2002	54,378,025	1,267,537	522,030	280,811	127,617	192,914
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-9	-8	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CW	PW	LY
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.38	42.12	41.43
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.81	38.67	37.89

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported from 65 to 67 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 83 to 86 cents fob. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and whites with yolk steady to fully steady. Demand for whole egg exceeded the current supply and any available product was readily absorbed at higher trending values. White trading was limited, while yolk demand was considered improved by most participants. Offerings were tight to short for whole egg, and about adequate to adequate on the balance. Many breaking schedules were reduced for next week. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	27	70.5-80	74.26	3.70
WHITES	8	58-60	58.69	.33
YOLKS	16	81-86.5	82.78	.45
*Correction for November 7 - "Yolks Only"				
YOLKS	*12	*81-84.5	*82.33	*.08

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were irregular on whole, unchanged to higher on whites, and unchanged on the balance of frozen products when compared to last week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole and whites, but generally steady on the balance of items. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for trade needs. Demand and trading was reported as moderate to good. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 08, 2003 were 8% more than the previous week, and 11% more than last year.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	78-88	78-83	90-96
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		97-110
WHITES	64-79	70-73	76-81
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-105	103-105	106-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-102	98-99	102-110
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 4 cents higher with whites unchanged to a penny higher, sugared yolk unchanged, and salted yolk ranging irregular when compared to last week's reported values. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg, fully steady for whites, and mostly steady on the balance. Offerings were tight to just adequate and sold selectively as frozen inventories were held with confidence by most and rated as balanced to tight. Demand was good with most sales centering around LTL volumes. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week.

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	83-86	85-86
WHITES	70-75	72-75
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	102-105	102
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	97-100	99

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 5 cents higher on whole, 2 cents higher on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/8 was 2% more than the previous week. Frozen demand improved seasonally with freezer stocks in good balance.

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	91-94	
WHITES	76-79	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	106-109	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-106	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, however the balance of products were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady to firm on whole, firm on albumen, and steady on yolks. Offerings of albumen continue short with less than trucklot trading noted at six dollars. Supplies were about adequate to short for whole, but adequate on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 08, 2003 were 19% less than the previous week, and 18% less than last year. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% lower than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.		
WHOLE	3.05-3.45	MOSTLY 3.15-3.25
YOLKS	2.10-2.40	MOSTLY 2.10-2.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.15-5.80	MOSTLY 5.25-5.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.09-2.35	MOSTLY 2.15-2.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 07, 2003-NOV 13, 2003**CURRENT LOADS** 60.25**FUTURE LOADS** 74.50**TOTAL LOADS** 134.75

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	100.25	101.25	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	100.00	97.60	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 1	90.33	100.00	97.25	97.83	—	102.00	18.00	GL W J	107.70	99.00	—	—	—	110.00	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	87.00	87.50	80.00	87.33	7.00	GL W XL	111.57	109.14	113.00	—	—	113.68	14.50
GNR W 3	—	—	64.00	66.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	106.00	104.44	112.00	—	—	113.78	19.50
GL W J	—	—	111.00	117.00	96.50	—	3.00	GL W MD	82.00	86.50	—	88.75	—	89.67	6.00
GL W XL	—	108.15	105.40	106.36	103.50	106.50	40.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	68.00	1.00
GL W LG	—	108.73	—	113.00	103.90	—	30.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00
GL W MD	82.71	—	84.00	87.00	82.88	84.67	12.75	NRBS - 39	60.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	58.00	—	—	—	1.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	88.00	87.00	87.65	42.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	80.44	8.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	62.00	72.44	4.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were light to about adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. Demand was moderate but generally unaggressive. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs for disposal of spent light fowl were too few to report. Demand was usually constant at processing operations with offerings easily covering slaughter needs. Finished sales are moderate. Values were expected to remain steady for salvagable hens.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices continued unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good to good. Schedules were generally full-time. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12.5	10-12.25

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	108.00	106.00	90.00
SOUTHEAST	109.50	107.50	89.00
MIDWEST	103.50	101.50	88.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	108.50	107.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	107.40	105.70	89.14

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate with most traders generally unaggressive. Trading was very limited but with available offerings clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25.5 MAJORITY 23-24	29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26	31-38 MAJORITY 35-36

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 08-NOV-03
(PRELIMINARY)

UNAVAILABLE

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS		

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS		

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
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SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
Washington, DC

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending November 01, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	408	407	14,702	17,447
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	0	0	479	763
Total	408	407	15,277	18,231

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending November 01, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	59	128	5,064	5,481
Frozen	82	10	3,154	3,031
Dried	0	80	1,104	4,528
Total	141	218	9,322	13,040

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending November 01, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	404	1,307
Extra Large	1,050	2,657	27,902	39,077
Large	5,110	2,600	108,595	125,370
Medium	1,610	1,530	55,258	44,623
Ungraded	7,200	5,940	163,038	307,925
Misc	0	0	14,642	14,017
Total	14,970	12,727	369,839	532,319

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 11/10/03	3,513	181,365	45,208
AM 11/01/03	3,598	182,037	44,797
CHG	-85	-672	411
PCT CHG	-2%	0%	1%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 08-Nov-03

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.9	26.1	15	21
BOSTON	3.8	3.6	6	9
CHICAGO	50.9	47.3	8	-6
DETROIT	31.1	27.1	15	4
KANSAS CITY	6.3	3.7	70	75
LOS ANGELES	91.7	86.7	6	10
NEW ORLEANS	8.8	7.6	16	-40
NEW YORK	28.3	29.8	-5	-25
ST. LOUIS	21.4	20.4	5	28
SAN FRANCISCO	19.1	22.2	-14	-17
TOTAL	291.3	274.5	6	0
4 WK MVG AVG	279.4			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 08-Nov-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	226.3	4	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	565.5	2	0
W.N. CENTRAL	299.3	5	5
S. ATLANTIC	189.6	3	10
S. CENTRAL	114.6	1	22
WEST	184.0	-5	-2
TOTAL	1579.3	2	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Nov 11, 2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	152	149	110	81
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	145-149	142-146	103-107	74-78
MOSTLY	147-148	144-145	105-106	76-77
RHODE ISLAND	151-155	148-152	109-113	80-84
MOSTLY	151	148	109	80
VERMONT	150-155	149-152	110-113	-
MOSTLY	155	152	113	-

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**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2003
COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS**

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	927,354	-10	-21
FREE FLOWING	2,614,325	-23	15
BLEND	1,254,702	-2	-24
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	5,064,059	-11	-55
BLEND	94,350	-7	-47
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,271,058	-4	-4
BLEND	81,737	23	300
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,853,958	-8	-5
TOTAL	16,161,543	-11	-30

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:
SEPTEMBER 28, 2003 - NOVEMBER 1, 2003
TOTAL 11,147,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.
